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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of: Aaron Strand,)
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Application No: 09/751,290)

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8362-CIP-CIP)

For: A RESEALABLE BAG FOR
FILLING WITH FOOD
PRODUCT(S) AND METHOD

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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of February 9, 2004, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the drawings and the claims as amended are respectfully requested.

Since after the Amendment, 27 claims remain pending, of which 4 are independent, and since in the application a maximum of 186 claims were previously pending, of which a maximum of 42 were independent, no additional fee is believed to be due.

However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) required to secure entry of this Amendment, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the replacement drawing sheets appended hereto and an explanation of the changes is presented on page 3 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this Amendment.

Please make the following amendments to the application:

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In the Drawings:

Please amend Fig. 3 by deleting the occurrence of the reference numeral "19" which appears without a lead line and above the reference numeral "12," and by replacing the remaining two occurrences of the reference numeral "19" with the reference numeral "18."

Please amend Fig 45 by replacing the two occurrences of the reference numeral "19" with the reference numeral "18."

Annotated drawing sheets (marked-up copies of the amended figures) and Replacement sheets are submitted herewith. Annotated drawings sheets are each identified as "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes." Replacement drawing sheets showing amended figures on a separate sheet are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.84 and are each identified as "Replacement Sheet."